

What Should I already know?

Farming was very important in human history. Many people lived or worked in the countryside on farms which allowed us to develop in the Bronze and Iron age.

Children have not always had to go to school. People used to have to pay to attend school.

An **Empire** is made up of many countries which have been conquered and are ruled by one person.



We live in the **United Kingdom (UK)**.

What was the Victorian period?

The Victorian period began in the year 1837 when a woman named Victoria became the **Queen** of the UK. This was about 200 years ago.

During the Victorian period the UK **conquered** large parts of the world and had an Empire. The Empire was not always fair to the people who were conquered.

A very important event in the Victorian period called the **Industrial Revolution** changed Britain forever.

Many important modern inventions such as the steam train were built and used in the Victorian period.

The Victorian period ended in 1901 when Queen Victoria died. She **ruled** as Queen for 63 years.

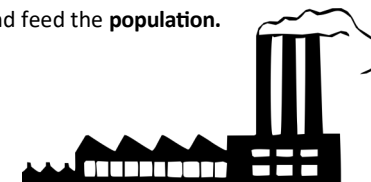
The Industrial Revolution

Before the **Industrial Revolution** most people lived and worked in the countryside.

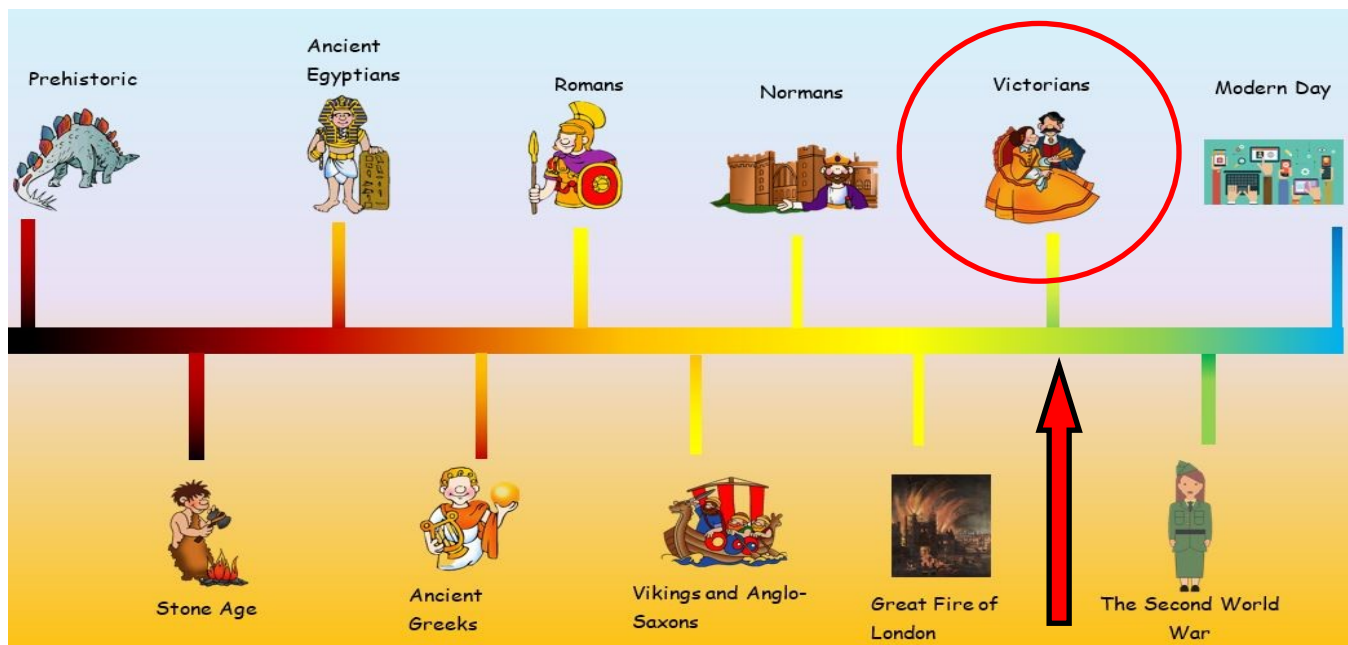
However new machines and inventions such as the seed drill meant that many people did not have a job on a farm anymore. Lots of people had to leave the countryside to live in cities and work in **factories**.

This was called the **Industrial Revolution** because it was such a massive change in Britain. Most people now lived in cities rather than the countryside

More people working factories allowed Britain to create lots of new trains, boats, weapons and other items which helped them conquer other countries and feed the **population**.



Chronology



Being a child in the Victorian Period

Being a child in the Victorian Period was very different to being a child today.

In Victorian times children only had to go to school between the ages of 5 and 10. However, many poor families did not let their children go to school as they needed them to help with work.

Victorian schools were very different to today's schools. Rules were very strict and children could face harsh punishments for breaking them including canings and the 'dunces hat'.

Many poor children did not go to school and instead had to work long hours in dangerous factories to make money.

Many poor children lived in **slums** which were unhygienic. They often did not have clean water.



Question 1: What event happened in the Victorian times which caused a massive change to how people worked and lived in the UK?	Start of Unit	End of Unit

Question 2: Put these historical time periods in chronological order using the numbers 1-3.	Start of Unit	End of Unit
The Ancient Greeks		
The Stone Age		
The Victorians		

Question 3: Put a tick next to these facts if they are true.	Start of Unit	End of Unit
Queen Victoria ruled for more than 50 years		
Most people lived and worked in farms in Victorian times.		
A slum was not a nice place to live.		
There are still people from Victorian times around today.		

Question 4: Describe a punishment you might get in a Victorian school that you wouldn't get today.

Question 5: Explain why some children did not go to school in Victorian times even though they were able to.

Question 6: In Victorian times Britain conquered many countries and had an _____	Start of Unit	End of Unit